COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, May 19th, 1884.

The Board of Aldermen met in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Hyman, in the chair; Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt Beattie, O'Meara, Cowan, Stringer, Hewett, Niven, Skinner, Becher, Scarrow, and A. S. Abbott, clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS.

J. B. Boyle—Asking that the King street sewer be extended as far east as Maitland. No. 2.

Sarah Tweedie—For remission of $26 30, taxes. No. 1.

Edward Wunderlich and other fish peddlers—That the license be reduced from $10 to $5. Ald. Hunt read a letter from Inspector Bell regarding the matter. Filed.

John Birrell & Co. and other Richmond street merchants—That the cab stand on the west side, between York and King, be removed elsewhere. Referred to the Police Commissioners.

H. Lenox—Re income assessment of 1883. No. 1.

Robt. Morley and others—For a sewer on Simcoe, between Waterloo and Colborne. No. 2.

Wm. Lamb—For permission to erect frame addition to house on Dufferin avenue, between William and Adelaide. No. 3.

Mrs. McNeil—Re account for washing schoolhouse after election. No. 1.

Jane Bugler—For tax remission. No. 1.

S. K. Davidson—Against payment of income tax for 1883. No. 1.

Thos. Allison—Against payment of dog tax. No. 1.

James George and William Tibbs—Re fence and road allowance. Referred to No. 2 Committee, with instructions that the Street Commissioner do not interfere in the meantime.

Governor-General's Secretary—Stating that the Governor will be unable to visit the city during Western Fair week this year, and thanking the Council for their invitation. Filed.

A. McMurchy, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department—Asking that the Council set aside a sum not exceeding payment of premiums on accident insurance policies for the benefit of the members of the department. No. 1.

Sheriff Glass—Offering for sale as a gravel pit, 100 feet in depth of the rear part of the Protestant Orphans' Home property, for $1,500. To be taken up with No. 2 Committee's report.

Dora Smith—Complaining against the city for allowing cinders and other refuse to be deposited on the south side of York street, near Burwell, thus creating a nuisance, particularly injurious to the school children. No. 2.

Thos. Foster and 90 others—Asking that the Council grant the bicycle riders permission to run their "machines" on the sidewalks in case of unfavorable roads, on any except the principal streets. No. 2.

Wm. Haskin and others—Regarding a sidewalk on Horton street between William and Maitland. No. 2.

I. Wolfe and 253 others, re sign by-law. Filed.

THE COMING CAMP.

W. H. Jackson, Lieut.-Col. D. A. G.—Re the volunteer camp to assemble on June 17 for twelve days, with about 1,785 men and 58 horses, and asking that the Council supply camp and drill grounds, water and the necessary buildings. The Carling Farm is understood to be available, but application must be made for it by the Council.

Ald. Beattie moved, and Ald. Hunt seconded, that the granting of similar privileges to those given last year be left with No. 2 Committee with power. Carried.

THE HOLIDAY.

Ald. Hunt moved, and Ald. Hewett seconded, that the 26th of May be celebrated as the civic holiday. Carried.

TENTH REPORT NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman:

1. Petition of Geo. Shuff granted upon payment of $2 per month additional to the present rent, and improvements to be made subject to city engineer's approval.

2. That the city solicitor prepare a bylaw rescinding the present one governing the northern wood market, the new one to define the limits south from Central avenue on

Wellington street 100 yards, and east on Central avenue from the intersection of Wellington street.

3. Your committee have been unsuccessful in obtaining a suitable building for a house of refuge and ask for further instructions.

4. That the present staff of the fire department be increased by the addition of two more permanent men at a salary of $450 per annum, and that the services of five of the call men be dispensed with, the salaries of the other members of the staff to remain the same as last year.

5. That the special report of Chief Roe be referred to the Council (report attached).

6. That the report of F. B. Wilkinson, medical superintendent, be recommended for adoption.

7. That the Chairman of No. 2 Committee be requested to instruct the Street Commissioner to scrape the Market Square.

8. That J. D. Findlater be appointed overseer of the street watering-carts at a salary of $1 25 per day.

Clause 1 and 2 passed, and 3 read.

Ald. Hunt moved and Ald. Beattie seconded, that No. 3 Committee be empowered to advertise for a suitable building for a House of Refuge. Carried.

Clauses 3 and 4 passed, the latter to take effect from June 30 next. Clause 5 read also, the Chief's report, asking new hook and ladder truck and other improvements and supplies. That part of the report referring to the truck was referred back to committee to ascertain the cost. The Council authorized the purchase of 100 feet hose, and the completion of the shingling of the hall.

Clause 6 read and moved for adoption. Ald. Skinner moved, and Ald. Becher seconded, that the clause be adopted, excepting that part referring to the new floor, that to be referred back to committee to report probable cost. Lost and motion passed.

Clauses 7 and 8 passed and amended report adopted.

NINTH REPORT NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE,

By Ald. Hewett, Chairman.

1. Payment of accounts to the amount of $1,656 75.

2. Petition re the sign bylaw, referred to the Council.

3. That the sidewalk on south side of Dufferin avenue between Wellington and Waterloo streets be moved out in accordance with bylaw on payment of $50 subscribed by the residents.

4. Petition, Wm. Elliot and others—To be carried out as far as practicable.

5. Petition of Wm. Lind and others filed.

6. Petition, John Puddicombe and others, grading on George street, granted.

7. Petition, A. McArthur and others, re grading on William street, granted.

8. Progress re baseball grounds petition.

9. Park estimates, $1,950.

10. Engineer's estimate for civic improvements, $25,300.

11. Tenders for gravel as follows: Wm. Cathro (no cheque nor security), north of railway, screened gravel, $3 50 per cord; unscreened, $2 90; screenings, $2 90; south of railway, screened, $4 50; unscreened, $3 75; screenings, $3 50; north of Oxford street, screenings, $2 30; unscreened, $2 40. John McLaughlin (cheque $100, certified), broken in pit, north Dundas street, screened and broken, $3 30; unscreened, $2 80; screenings, $2 75; south of Dundas street, screened and unbroken, $3 95; unscreened, $3 20; screenings, $3; north of Oxford, unscreened, $2 25; screenings, $2 25. Wm. Anthistle (cheque $100, certified), north of Dundas street, screened and broken in pit, $3 20; unscreened, $2 70; screenings, $2 70; south of Dundas street, screened and broken, $3 60; unscreened, $3, screenings, $3; north of Oxford, unscreened, $2; Dundas street, stone for paving, $3; south of Dundas street, ditto, $3 50.

12. (Gravel pits) Tenders for pits are as follows: 1, James Mitcheltree, five acres at $1,000; 2, Wm. Class, trustee for Protestant Orphans' Home, 310x100 feet, running parallel to Wellington street, $2,000; will give a lease for ten years for a cash payment of $1,500 at time of signing lease. 3, F. E. Leonard, 136x304 feet, corner Grosvenor and Wellington streets, $1,600; 4, John James, lots Nos. 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42, comprising about five acres on corner of Victoria, west Great Talbot and Regent streets, $3,000; 5, Charles Bricklin, lots Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, North Victoria street, and Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, South Regent street, in all ten acres, for $3,500, say $500 in cash; ten years for balance at 6½ per cent. per annum.

Clause 1 read and adopted.

2nd clause read. Ald. Stringer moved, and Ald. Becher seconded, that the deputation present be heard.

Ald. Birrell moved in amendment, and Ald. Niven seconded, that the Council proceed with the regular order of business. Carried.

Clause 3 read and moved for adoption by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Cowan.

Ald. Beecher moved an amendment that the clause be struck out; Ald. Stringer seconded. Ruled out of order.

Ald. Birrell then moved, in amendment seconded by Ald. Hewett, that the clause be referred to No. 1 Committee to report. Carried.

Clauses 4, 5, 6 & 7 read and referred to No. 1 Committee; 8 and 9 passed; clause 10 read.

The Engineer read his report in detail.

Ald. Scarrow moved and Ald. Becher seconded that the clause be referred back with instructions to report to the Council, items to the amount of $23,000. Lost.

Yeas—Birrell, Beattie, Scarrow and Becher. Nays—Labatt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Hewett and Stringer.

On motion of Ald. Birrell, the matter was referred to No. 1.

Clause 11 read. Ald. Scarrow moved that the clause regarding gravel pits be also taken up. Ald. Cowan seconded.

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment, and Ald. Hewett seconded, that the general question be referred to No. 2 Committee to report next meeting. Lost. Motion carried.

Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that the offer of Sheriff Glass (Protestant Home lot at $1,500) be accepted.

Ald. Hunt moved and Scarrow seconded that rule 84 of the bylaw be suspended. Lost.

Yeas—Alds. Labatt, Hunt, Cowan, Skinner, Hewett, Stringer and Scarrow.

Nays—Ald. Birrell, O'Meara, Beattie and Becher.

The Mayor voted with the minority.

Motion lost.

Ald. Hunt moved and Stringer seconded, that the offer of Sheriff Glass be accepted, No. 1 committee to be asked to report funds.

Alds. Birrell and Becher—An amendment, That the question be referred to No. 2 cammittee, to report at next meeting the best available pit.

On motion of Ald. Labatt, the City Engineer was heard as to the quality of the various pits.

Amendment lost and motion carried.

Ald. Scarrow and Hewitt-Motion that No. 2 Committee advertise for tenders for hauling gravel.

Ald. O'Meara and Cowan—Motion that the Victoria Park fence on Park avenue, from Kent street to Dufferin avenue, that on Dufferin avenue and on Wellington from Dufferin avenue to Princess avenue be taken down.

Alds. Birrell and Hewett moved a 12 months' hoist. Carried.

WORKMEN'S WAGES.

Ald. Birrell moved and Ald. Hewett seconded that during the summer season the wages of the street workmen be reduced from $1.25 to $1 per day.

Ald. Becher rose, claiming that the whole matter was out of order.

The Mayor ruled the point well taken, and the matter dropped.

EIGHTH REPORT NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE

By Ald Birrell, chairman, recommending payment of the following accounts :

HOSPITAL.	
D. B. Birch	$11 01
J. Ranahan	48 05
W. Y. Brunton & Son	27 39
Samuel Cooper	68 85
Jas. Perkins	141 68
C. McCallum	54 01
A. D. Cameron	97 09
Tytler & Bullen	194 90
Pay sheet	120 30
Total	$763 28
FIRE DEPARTMENT.	
Gutta Percha & Rubber Company	63 50
A. Anderson	62 50
Jas. Percival	42 98
J. Wright & Co.	5 63
J. A. Roe	4 55
Total	$179 16
RELIEF ACCOUNTS.	
Women's Christian Association	3 16
Tytler & Bullen	53 00
Protestant O. Home	12 00
Geo. McNeil	129 25
Total.	$197 41
CITY HALL.	
A. D. Cameron	60 40
POLICE STATION.	
A. D. Cameron	18 57
NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.	
Pay sheets to May 2	324 92
Pay sheets to May 9	319 91
Pay sheets to May 16	366 16
Victoria Park	64 82
S. Brooks	7 50
Moses Cox	224 75
Stone & Wellington	12 00
Hendrie & Co	3 50
Wm. Anthistle	60 00
Marshall & Stevenson	9 50
Sime & Webb	20 00
McBride & Boyd	53 00
Greer & Wigmore	23 96
M. Baldwin	7 50
Ferguson Bros	148 23
Great N. W. Telegraph Company	11 00
Total	$1,656 75
Grand total	2,875 57

2. That the petition of Wm. Beck & Co. for exemption of taxation for five years and free water for the same period, on the condition that the company establish and carry on a cigar box factory in the city, and employ not less than twenty hands, be granted.

3. That the petition of Robert McGurdy for extension of time for payment of arrears of taxes be granted by extending the time of payment for one month from this date.

4. Petitions of Mrs. Wesson and Alf. Robinson for income tax remission. Filed.

5. Communications of Cool Burgess and Graydon & Cox. Filed.

6. Petition of S. Mills, rebate of taxes 1883. Filed.

7. Petition of Johanna Kelly, remission of taxes. Filed.

8. Petition of E. Meredith and others for remission of arrears of taxes and taxes to date on widow Murray's property, on Queen's avenue. Filed.

9. Progress in the petitions of J. W. Element, Elenor Scanlon and Robt. Keightley.

10. Police Court Clerk's report for April.

11. Beg to submit the auditor's report for quarter ending March 31, 1884, and recommend the adoption of the suggestions contained therein.

12. Bylaw for the appointment of a collector for statute labor and dog tax for the year 1884, was read and passed.

13. Re the communication of A. Dale, sec-

retary Free Library Board of Management, a letter has been received from the City Solicitor stating that the Council might levy the rate asked for.

14. That No. 2 and No. 3 Committees, the Board of health, Police Department, and Board of Education, be requested to furnish to the Council at its first meeting in June next, the receipts and expenditure of their several departments to that date, together with their probable receipts and expenditure to the close of 1884.

Clause one passed and two read.

On motion Jas. Lee, who has been running a cigar box factory for two months past in the city and claimed similar privileges to those proposed to be given Beck & Co., was heard.

Ald. Cowan moved and Ald. Becher seconded that the clause be struck out. Carried on the following division: Yeas, Cowan, Skinner, Hewett, Stringer, Scarrow, O'Meara and Becher; nays, Birrell, Beattie and Labatt.

In regard to Mrs. Kelly's petition for tax remission Ald. Stringer and Skinner moved that the same be granted. Carried.

The clause regarding Mrs. Murray's taxes was read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Hunt and Stringer, an amendment, That the clause be referred back to committee. Carried.

Clause regarding the application of the Free Library Board read, together with the solicitor's letter. Read.

Ald. Hunt and Becher—Motion that the request of the Library Board be granted. Lost on the following division: Yeas—Hunt, Cowan, Scarrow and Becher. Nays—Birrell, Labatt, Beattie, Skinner, Hewett and Stringer.

On motion of Ald. Skinner, the clause regarding Mrs. Mills' taxes was reconsidered, and Ald. Skinner moved and Stringer seconded that she be allowed $10. Lost, Ald. Skinner, Stringer and Hewett voting yea; nays, Alds. Birrell, Hunt, Labatt, O'Meara, Cowan, Beattie, Becher & Scarrow.

LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Ald. Cowan submitted a bylaw to establish a local board of health under the new act, and composed of the following members: Ald. Cowan, Ald. Hewitt, Ald. Scarrow, Ald. Niven, Ald. Stringer, Wm. Saunders, Dr. Wilkinson, and T. H. Tracy, city engineer, and the Mayor.

Ald. O'Meara moved, and Ald. Niven seconded, that the name of Dr. Brown be inserted instead of Ald. Scarrow. Lost, and bylaw read and passed.

MORE LIGHT WANTED.

Ald. Stringer moved and Ald. Hewett seconded that twenty additional gas lamps be located in the city, and that the matter be referred to No 1 Committee to report funds. Carried.

Ald. Becher renewed a notice of motion, and a few minutes before midnight the Council adjourned for two weeks.